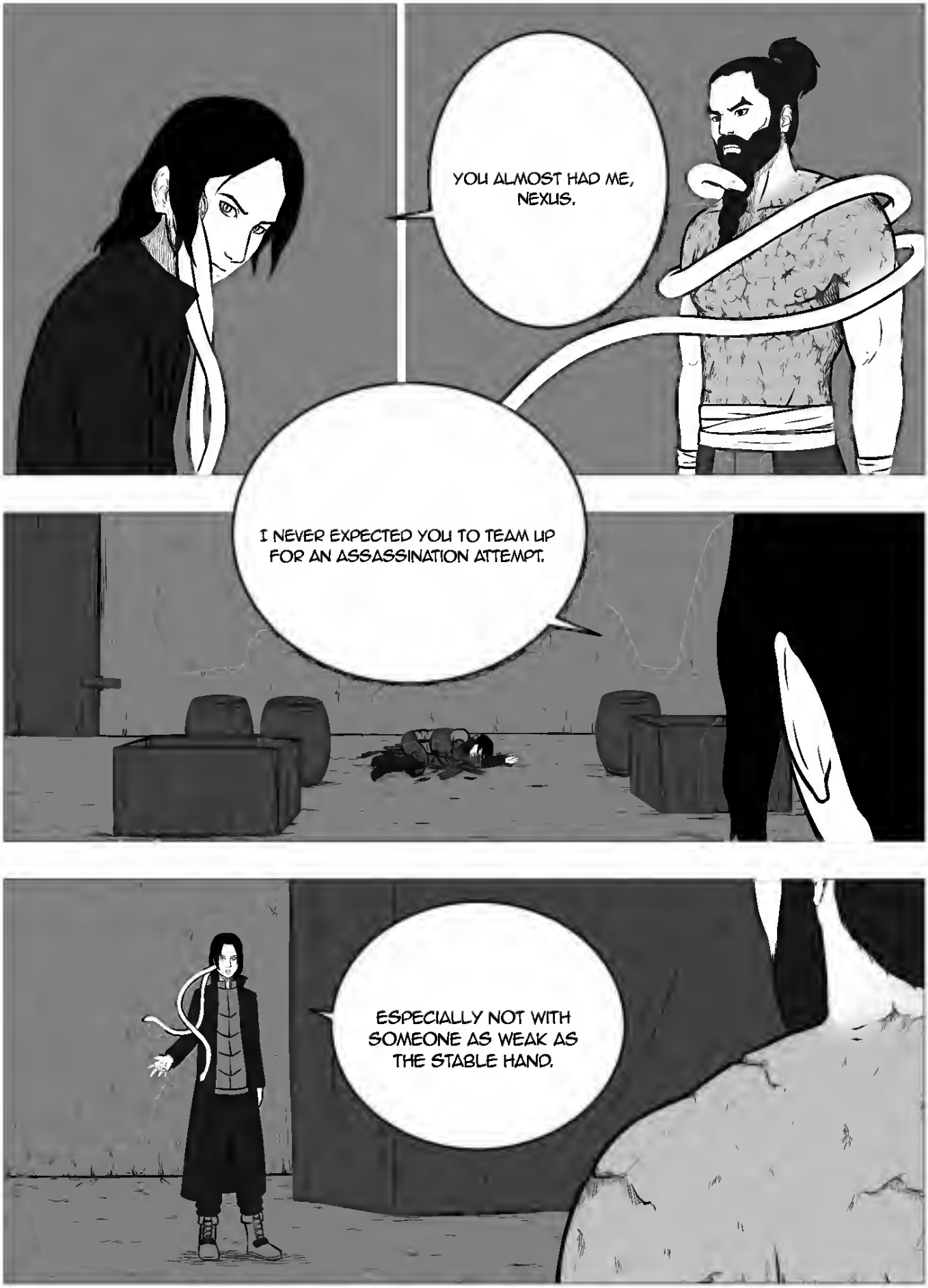
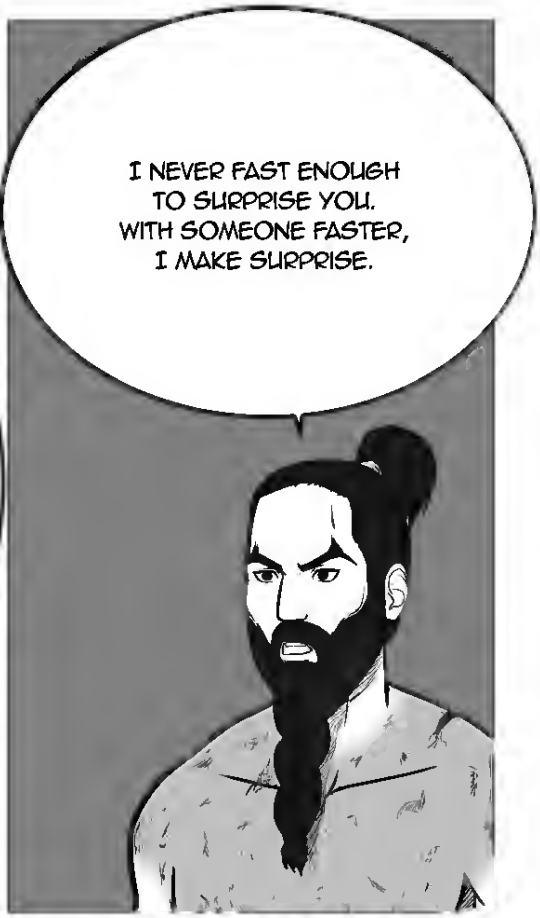

YOU ALMOST HAD ME, NEXUS.
I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO TEAM UP FOR AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
ESPECIALLY NOT WITH SOMEONE AS WEAK AS THE STABLE HAND.

YOU GOT SOME "OOMPH" ON THAT SWING...


I NEVER FAST ENOUGH TO SURPRISE YOU. WITH SOMEONE FASTER, I MAKE SURPRISE.

DON'T SELL US SHORT...
YOU MIGHT'VE KILLED ONE OF US YET...

THUMP
START WITH PAGE IN LEG, SWING HAMMER HARDER. MOVE PAGE TO BODY, TAKE ATTACK LIKE CHAMP.

YOU'RE MAKING GREAT STRIDES. UNDERSTANDING HOW TO MOVE A PAGE FREELY BETWEEN PARTS OF YOUR BODY IS IMPORTANT. YOU KNOW, YOU FRIGHTENED ME ALMOST ENOUGH TO KILL YOU...

I'M SHOWING SOME INITIATIVE. HEARD THAT A DARING, SUICIDAL NATURE IS APPRECIATED HERE. DON'T YOU APPRECIATE IT?
WITHOUT A PAGE YOUR LIFE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH A BIT MORE RESPECT. YOU'RE NOT IMMORTAL, SO YOU SHOULDN'T ACT LIKE YOU ARE.
WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO TAKE SUCH A GAMBLE, ANYWAY?
AH YES...
THE UNEXPECTED ONE.
IT'S OTIV.
AND THE SAME THING ANYONE WHO SIGNS UP HERE WANTS. A PROMOTION, PREFERABLY ONE THAT INVOLVES MY OWN PAGE AND SOME AWAY MISSIONS.
. . .
WHAT DO YOU WANT, STABLE HAND?
YOU THINK I'LL HAND YOU IMMORTALITY AND OPPORTUNITIES TO DO ME HARM FOR ATTEMPTING TO KILL ME?
HAHAHAHAHA

YOU USUALLY MAKE THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU TRY TO KILL YOU, SO I FIGURED IT WOULDN'T HURT TO SEE IF THE OPPOSITE WORKED.

SO IT WAS HIS IDEA...

I TELL HIM YOU KILL SERVANTS FOR LESS. HE STAND FIRM TO HELP WITH ME.

NEXUS, READY YOUR GEAR.
READY THE NIGHTMARE FOR ME, STABLE HAND. THEN SEE THE QUARTERMASTER ABOUT OUTFITTING YOU FOR A C-CLASS AWAY MISSION.

WE'RE HEADING TO THE MAINLAND.